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Johnson & Johnston Assoc., Inc. File via  
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This memo serves to document the May 17, 1990 site inspection conducted at the Johnson and Johnston Associates, Inc. (J & J) site located at 130 Route 111, Hampstead, NH. Division personnel Selina J. Makofsky and David Leathers conducted a perimeter survey of the building which was boarded up due to a fire which had gutted the building on January 27, 1990. The corrugated steel structure's windows had been boarded shut by Whites Emergency Service, 617-884-7010, N.E. 1-800-544-4886 (see attached slides 10 and 11).

Seven parking spaces were present outside the J & J #1 facility reserved for the following J & J personnel: Chuck Donato, Anne Panniello, John Johnston, Ken Poirier, Pat Bucknam, Beth Birmingham, and Bill McGowan.

Outside, on the north end of the building, we observed a total of thirty-one (31) steel 55-gallon drums (see photos and slides attached). The majority of drums, those not covered by an old boat, had water on the tops due to the rain falling at the time of the inspection. Seventeen (17) of the drums were empty and the identity/status of the fourteen (14) drums with contents is listed below. Those with contents were identified by Division personnel with the following codes using both a yellow grease pencil and a red permanent marker.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>LABEL</u>
SM-1	Red 55-gallon steel drum labelled "Mobil Steam Turbine Oil"
SM-2	same as above
SM-3	White 55-gallon steel drum labelled "Used trichlor 8/24/89"
SM-4	White 55-gallon steel drum labelled "Used F". The remaining letters which spelled Frekote was covered with duct tape. A mailing label on the top of the drum (see slides 6-8) listed the supplier as: R.P. Morrison Company, Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park, 320 Smith St., P.O. Box 1420, North Kingston, RI, 02852.



<u>CODE</u>	<u>LABEL</u>
SM-5	White 55-gallon steel drum labelled "Keep this for insp. Thank you"
SM-6	same as SM-5
SM-7	White 55-gallon steel drum - no label. Frekote cap on small bung crossed out with black marker.
SM-8	White 55-gallon steel drum - no label. Frekote cap on small bung.
SM-9	White 55-gallon steel drum - (under boat) - no label visible.

DRUMS PRESENT WITH OPEN BUNG(S) and liquid (water ?) on top

SM-10	White 55-gallon steel drum - no label
SM-11	same as SM-10
SM-12	same as SM-10
SM-13	White 55-gallon steel drum - no label, very greasy film on top surface of drum, "empty" written on side with black marker.
SM-14	White 55-gallon steel drum - Entire "Frekote" label on it.

A box trailer was also present with the following identification on it: "Capital, Capital Truck Leasing, Inc., 387-2070, Rentals, Pay - month - week". A variety of steel pieces, wood, cardboard, and at least thirteen (13) 5 gallon containers with "Frekote" labels on them (see attached photos). Due to the metal pieces on top of most of the containers, it was impossible to ascertain their contents or lack thereof.

A red, two compartmented dumpster was observed with a sign attached with the legend "Danger No Smoking. No Open Flames. No Sparks" (slide 5). One side was marked "Emt", the other "Ful". Four (4) liquified petroleum gas cylinders (approximately 50 lbs.) were present on the full side. No containers were present on the empty side.

Across the parking area we observed an office labelled "J & J #2" with a sign similar to the J & J #1 on the main building where the fire occurred (see slides 10-12). An employee from another company was observed picking up pallets from a pile adjacent to the aforementioned storage dumpster. When questioned as to activity at the site, he stated that company officials have been on site periodically pulling out debris. When questioned about the affiliation/ contacts for J & J, the employee confirmed that J & J #2 was the current working office for the company.

No one was present at the #2 office and a variety of boxes, parts, and other debris were observed through the glass door. I left my business card in the door. We then went next door to a company called Princeton Fabrications, Inc., and spoke to Rick Ouellette, Director of Operations, to determine if he knew of the contacts and/or phone numbers of the company. He explained that they were working out of the Ward Hill, Haverhill, MA office temporarily and that the phone number was (508) 521-6980. Mr Ouellette thought that the move was only temporary and that they were intending to move back as soon as the building was refurbished.

At that time an insurance agent for the company came in and requested the key to the building. Another employee of Princeton Fabrications, Mike Doherty, called Bill McGowan, Plant Manager of J & J, to explain the situation. Supposedly the person with the key to the boarded-up building was not available and the one key attempted did not fit. Therefore, we (Division personnel and the insurance agent) were unable to go into the building. Mr. McGowan was again called. At this time I spoke to Mr. McGowan, explained my concern about the drums outside the building and questioned their contents and/or disposition. He stated that he was not aware of their presence and would talk to the shipping supervisor, John Skinner, who was responsible for the company wastes. He questioned the purpose of the visit and I explained that often companies who have had problems (such as financial difficulties, relocation, fires, etc.) unfortunately abandon their wastes on site without proper management. He stated that they were not abandoning the wastes since they were intending to reopen the facility as soon as the insurance claim was settled. He believed that any wastes would have been taken care of, was unaware that there were wastes present at the site, and thought any disposal would certainly be conducted appropriately (i.e. manifested off-site as all their hazardous wastes are). I explained that I would call him later to learn if he had uncovered any explanations on their presence and/or contents.



